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The late Major James Edward Carpenter.

We regret to announce the death of Major James Edward Carpenter, a vice-president of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, which took place at the residence of his daughter, Newburyport, Massachusetts, August 16, 1901. He was elected a member of the Society and became a life member December 26, 1868, and after an honorable service of thirty years as its treasurer, in 1898 declined a renomination, and was then elected a vice-president.

Major Carpenter, born March 6, 1841, was a son of the late Edward Carpenter, a great-grandson of Thomas Carpenter, of New Jersey, an officer of the Revolutionary army, and a descendant of Samuel Carpenter, a member of the Council and treasurer of the Province of Pennsylvania. In the female line he was descended from Governor Thomas Lloyd and Samuel Preston, who was mayor of Philadelphia in 1711.

During the Civil War Major Carpenter served as an officer in the Eighth Pennsylvania Cavalry and on the staff of General D. McM. Gregg, and was wounded in the engagement at Philamont, Virginia. In the celebrated charge of the Eighth Pennsylvania Cavalry, at the battle of Chancellorsville, his horse was shot under him, and of the five officers who rode at the head of the column he was one of the two who survived the action. For a number of years after the war he was an officer of the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry.

Major Carpenter was admitted to practice at the Philadelphia Bar October 21, 1865. He was one of the founders in 1888 of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution, one of its vice-presidents, and the only chairman of its board of managers.
